PARRA NOTES

Friday, July 22

I began my district work period last Friday in **Bakersfield** where I met with members of my Southern District Labor Advisory group. Among the many members present were **Ed Padilla**, President of the **Laborers' Union Local 220 Ward Wollesen**, Executive Director for **Central California**, **Public Employees**, **SEIU 700** and **Rob Pelleteri** Secretary for Board of **Teamsters**, **Local 87**. I gave them an update on key labor related legislation. Most importantly, I got to hear about their concerns, which is why these Advisory meetings are so important.

On Saturday, I met with Kings County Board of Supervisor Alene Taylor and Terri King, from the Kings County Association of Governments. We had a productive meeting on how we can best work together to ensure that Hwy 198 receives the necessary funding from the state for widening from Hanford to Hwy 99. Among other things, I made a commitment to first meet with Business, Housing and Transportation Secretary Sunne Mc Peak. It is her agency that is responsible for ensuring that we receive the funding needed. Later that evening, I had the great honor of presenting a resolution to Kings County Assessor/Clerk/Recorder, George J. Misner at the Hanford Elks Lodge. A dinner was held in his honor of for his retirement and his dedication to Kings County. I really had a great time that evening as I got to see many of you, including Dairymen Don Giacomazzi from Kings County and Kings County Supervisor Joe Neves.

District Work Period

As I mentioned last week, for the first time in a long time, Members of the Legislature were granted a full district work period. Below you will find some of the public events that I am scheduled to attend, so I encourage you to stop by and say hello. I will keep updating you as more events are scheduled. I hope to see all of you out there.

1ST ANNUAL SHRED AND INFORMATION DAY

On July 23rd, from noon to 1:00 p.m., I will be attending the Shred and Information Day at F.A.S.T Credit Union in Hanford. This event was created to educate the public on the importance of protecting your private information. F.A.S.T Credit Union is located at 240 N. Irwin St. in Hanford. The public is welcome to attend.

HISPANICS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY (HOPE)

On July 23rd, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., I will be joining my HOPE sisters as we recognize "Latinas Leading the Way." This event is open to the public. To RSVP for this event, please contact Blodgie at (661) 319-2763.

MEETING IN THE SUN

On July 28th at 1:00 p.m. I will be joining Senator Florez at a "Meeting in the Sun" at the Anthony Vineyards to discuss the issue and concerns surrounding heat-illness in the workplace. The objective of the meeting is to gather more information that will contribute to the development of statewide heat-illness regulations. This event is open to the public.

KINGSBURG STREET FAIR

On July 28th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., I will be hosting a booth at the Kingsburg Street Fair located at Memorial Park in Downtown Kingsburg (Corner of Sierra St. and Draper). This event is open to the public.

PHILIPPINE WEEKEND PARADE

On July 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., I will be riding in the 31st Annual Philippine Weekend Parade in Delano. The parade route starts on 8th and Main St. in front of Ranch Market. This event is open to the public.

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET

On August 11th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., I will be attending Thursday Night Market in Hanford where there will be bands and several booths. This weekly event is located on Irwin St. in Hanford. This event is open to the public.

Legislation

There are no new updates on legislation this week. The legislature is on summer recess until August 15th.

Other Highlights

SUMMER INTERNS WANTED

I am presently accepting applications for my summer internship program in my Hanford and Bakersfield district offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley.

Applications can be found at http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30. For more details, please contact Richard Valle at the Hanford office at (559) 585-7170 or by e-mail at Richard.Valle@asm.ca.gov. For Bakersfield office internships please contact **Manuel** Barrera at (661) 334-3745 or by e-mail at Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov

GRANTS

By late July my office will be distributing grant packages. Included in the package will be information regarding, state, federal and private grants. For more information please contact Juan Cerda at (661) 334-3745 or by e-mail at <u>Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov</u>

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